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Subject: FW: Veterans' Affairs Committee - Proposed Bill 648

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Dear Representative Sayers,

I am writing in support of Proposed Bill Number 648, an act concerning an appropriation for Victory Gardens in Newington. The Bill would appropriate \$230,000 to the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, from the Connecticut General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, to fund case management services at Victory Gardens on the United States Department of Veterans Affairs' Newington Campus.

Chrysalis Center, Inc., a leading social service provider in Hartford has been chosen to provide all on-site case management services for Victory Gardens Veterans. As a member of the Board of Directors of Chrysalis Center, I stand in support of Bill Number 648 to ensure funding is in place to provide case management services, a proven approach to restore homeless Veterans to their community.

I've talked with other formerly homeless veterans that currently reside in one of Chrysalis Center's supportive housing residences. Having a permanent home with the supportive services to keep them stable, has transformed their lives and allowed them to once again become productive members of the community. I urge you to provide this opportunity to others who have served their country and sacrificed so much. I know that you believe in supporting our veterans as evidenced by your recent support for the veterans training and employment initiative.

Thank you for your consideration and I hope your support of Bill Number 648.

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